States Open Purses to Aid Old-Age Group

WASHINGTON. — Thousands of old folks are going to get more cash from the public purse. Old age assistance funds or payments have been increased in 11 states so far in the 1949 legislative season. Thirteen other states are studying proposals to give more money to needy citizens who are 65 or older.

Cash help for the old folks runs into millions. Before the 1949 legislative sessions began, about 2,500,000 men and women were getting such aid. The average payment for the United States as a whole was $41.50. The monthly total topped 100 million dollars.

The funds go to needy people 65 or over—oldsters such as those who are not covered by the federal old age and survivors insurance system.

Federal and state governments both contributed money to the old age assistance programs. The federal government shares in payments up to $50 a month.

Minimum Hiked

In the current legislative session, North Dakota increased the minimum payment from $40 to $60 a month in cases where there is only one recipient in a family, and from $30 to $45 when there are more.

The minimum was set at $50 in New Mexico. In Maine, maximum benefits were increased from $40 to $50 a month. Nebraska raised the ceiling from $50 to $55. Montana provided for a hike of $7 in monthly grants that had averaged $45.

The Illinois legislature decided to boost the ceiling from $50 to $65 a month with the provision that it would be adjusted up or down as the cost of living rose or fell in the future.

Higher appropriations also were voted in North Carolina, Idaho, Arkansas, West Virginia and South Dakota.

But the traffic wasn't all one way in the 14 capitals where decisions already have been made. Indiana, Utah and Wyoming made no changes.

California Highest

None of the measures adopted thus far this year has hit the high target raised in California. The voters there last fall approved a proposition to increase benefits for senior citizens from $60 to $75 a month. To meet the added costs, for the rest of the fiscal year ending June 30 and for the next fiscal year, the governor has asked an extra $118,235,000.

Proposals now being considered in 13 states vary quite a bit. But in half of them appropriations would be increased without raising the limits on benefits.

Among the many bills in Massachusetts are some seeking a $75 minimum.

A move is under way in Connecticut to remove the $50 ceiling and base payments on actual need. Minnesota's governor favors removal of limits.

Proposals to increase the maximums from $50 to $60 a month have been made in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Pilots Cheat Coyotes Out of Antelope Meal

CRAIG, COLO. — Two civil air patrol pilots cheated a pair of coyotes out of an antelope dinner near here recently.

The fliers, Jay Brinker and P. Jones, were making a routine flight north of Craig. Brinker noticed two coyotes pussyfooting around a buck antelope which seemed to have its hind foot lifted high off the ground.

Brinker and Jones buzzed the area a couple of times and discovered the antelope's foot was caught between two strands of barbed wire.

The fliers returned to Craig and told game warden Bill Roland what they'd seen.

Then the three of them bundled into Roland's car and drove to within three miles of the antelope. They traveled the rest of the way on snowshoes rescued the antelope by cutting the barbed wire. Taking it back to Craig, they nursed it overnight and the next day the animal seemed in good shape. The animal was freed near a huge herd of antelope.

Churchill 'Siren Suit' Brings Stylists' Sneer

LONDON. — Winston Churchill's famous "siren suit" brought a sneer from London's style arbiters.

Garbed in a "sort of something" closely resembling a pair of baggy summer flying overalls zipped up the front, loosely belted and with a floppy open collar, Churchill predicted in America that it would be the dress of the future.

The magazine Tailor and Cutter, which has been setting men's fashions since Victorian times, said the wartime prime minister was "off the mark there."

The siren suit lacks artistic appearance, said the weekly, and "structurally it is wrong; it makes for untidiness."

Farm Topics

New Plastic Foam Used in Insulation

Material Is Called Lightest of Solids

The world's lightest solid an amazing plastic foam that swells up when baked like a cake to 100 times its original volume—has been developed by Westinghouse scientist for use as a new insulating material.

The new product is expected to find its way into many uses in appliances used in farm homes and about the farm.

Even lighter than some gases, the new material weighs from 10 to 20 times less than tne fluffy meringue on a well-baked pie.

Robert F. Sterling, 29-year-old chemist, and the man chiefly responsible for the new product, said

Shown here is a refrigerator completely insulated with the new plastic - foam insulation material. This is the way the refrigerator looked after the insulation job was done, but before door liner and other parts were put back in place.

it is the result of a three-year search for an effective insulating material that will fill large areas, yet weigh "next to nothing."

The foam is made by heating a molasses-like synthetic resin at about 350 degrees Fahrenheit until it expands to 100 times its original volume, then solidifies. Thousands of gas bubbles entrapped in the foam "buoy" it up and give the plastic its lightness.

Foamed into pre-fabricated metal wall sections, a two-inch thick layer weighing only 300 pounds will be enough to insulate a complete six-room house, Sterling said.

Resistant to fire, moisture, fungus growth and insects, the foam is low enough in cost to be practical for many applications and uses, the scientist said.

Not only do imprisoned air bubbles give the new plastic great lightness, but they also provide it with its excellent insulating qualities. So-called "dead air" is one of the best insulators known among commonly available materials, Sterling said.

Cover That Cough

"Cover that cough, smother that sneeze" is not only good advice for people in public places. It has practical meaning in the cowbarn, too.

Danger that coughing cattle may spread respiratory infections to their stablemates is highlighted in a research report from the American Veterinary Medical association.

The report describes an unusual case of tuberculosis of the eye in a heifer. A tuberculosis cow with a bad cough, stanchioned next to the heifer, is believed to have spread the disease.

AVMA points out that this case occurred in England, where bovine tuberculosis is widespread. Although tuberculosis has been reduced to a minimum in United States herds, coughers and sneezers are nevertheless a menace because they may spread all kinds of respiratory infections. Isolation of any animal showing respiratory symptoms is urged, therefore, to protect the rest of the herd.

Field Mice Destructive To Melon Crops, Seed

Untold damage is done each year to cucumber, cantaloupe and watermelon fields by mice destroying the seed which are planted and also the plants which are up and bearing fruit. H. A. Bowers, Clemson college crop specialist, says.

Bowers explained that the meadow mouse destroys the seed after they are planted, and the pine mouse cuts off the plants at the ground.

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Memorial Day Program For Monday May 30

CALVIN H. ROBINSON
SPEAKER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day will be observed by the Appomattox Daughters of the Confederate with exercises at the Confederate Cemetery at 10:30 Monday morning, May 30.

All 7th grade pupils in the county have been invited to attend, and those from the Appomattox school will decorate the graves and take part in the exercises.

The invocation will be by the Rev. Willard A. Irving, and the address by Calvin H. Robinson, editor of the Times-Virginian.

After the exercises, the pupils will be taken on a tour of the Old Court House Grounds.

Sons of Confederate Veterans, the American Legion and Auxiliary and other patriotic organizations as well as the general public are cordially invited.

CULPEPER DISTRICT TO HAVE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Culpeper soil conservation district - including Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Madison and Greene Counties - will celebrate its 10th anniversary on June 3.

E. W. Mundle, of Blacksburg, administrative officer for the state soil conservation committee, said the celebration will be held on the Miller farm, near Brandywine in Culpeper County.

Poppy Day Is Planned

"Poppy Day" will be observed in Appomattox Saturday. A volunteer committee will sell poppies, for the veterans' rehabilitation program.

The memorial poppies are made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans in hospitals and poppy workrooms in 40 states. The veterans are paid for making the poppies from material furnished free by the American Legion Auxiliary. Some 25,000,000 poppies are sold each year for this cause, on Saturday preceeding Memorial Day. Through the Legion Auxiliary program, a fine sum is made available to needy and disabled service men and women. The local Auxiliary has participated in this program for a number of years.

Rained Out

A benefit Lions Club ball game between Lee Theatre's Skyline League team and Washington and Lee University was rained out here Tuesday evening. A downpour just before game time halted activities. It is understood that another benefit game will be planned.

Holliday Lake is scheduled to begin its 1949 season this Saturday, May 28.

Chinese Communists take possession of Shanghai.

Military pay boost bill rejected in Lower House.

Town Vote May Reach 350 Total

There are a potential 350 votes in the Town of Appomattox election to be held Tuesday, June 14. Voters will be presented with two ballots. One is for a "yes" or "no" vote on the proposed town $80,000 bond issue. The Town wishes to buy the privately owned water company and expand its services. The bonds would be self-liquidating, and do not call for increased taxes.

The second ballot is for the selection of a mayor and six members of the town council. There are twelve candidates for the council: Chas. F. James, C. S. Jenkins, J. E. Jamerson, J. H. Lucado, C. K. Hunter, D. T. Robertson, John C. Caldwell, Mrs. Ryland Mann, Chas. T. Moses, Jr., F. L. Murphy, J. T. Almond and Ivey Holland.

Last Meeting For P. T. A.

The Appomattox P.-T. A. will meet at eight o'clock Friday evening in the high school library. Reports will be heard from committees on their activities during the past year.

A feature of this meeting is an invitation to all patrons of the local school to bring or to write in suggestions for the improvement of Parent - Teacher Association activities. This will be the last meeting of the current school year. The organization has been active in carrying a full community program, as will be shown in the reports to be presented.

Cancer Drive Continues

The Rev. J. Marshall Walker, the chairman of the Cancer Fund drive announces that the goal of $850.00 can be reached and those who have not yet contributed may give contributions to their neighborhood solicitors or mail to Mrs. Eleanor Conner, treasure, Farmers National Bank.

Circuit Court Wednesday

The June term of the county circuit court will convene here Wednesday, June 1. It is understood that a somewhat larger than usual docket will be scheduled.

SUPREME FOREST WOODMAN CIRCLE

The Supreme Forest Woodman Circle will have its regular meeting Monday, May 30, in the local Masonic Temple.

Bear Cats Ball Games

The Bear Cats had to leave a game tied up at 8 to 8 here Saturday night with the Covington Colts at the end of 9 innings, due to the 10:45 curfew. But they won in the Lynchburg city stadium Sunday by 15 to 4 over the Lynchburg Indians. C. Watson led the attack, with a single, 2 doubles and a triple in 6 times at bat. White trailed him with a single, double and a home run over the right field wall, 355 feet.

The Cats will play in Brookneal Saturday and will play the Danville Sluggers here Sunday, May 29, at Lee Theatre Park, at 3:00 o'clock.

Four of the Bear Cats will play in an all-star game against the Richmond Giants at City Stadium, Lynchburg Monday night, May 30.

"Blue law" cases are dismissed in Richmond.

Russian proposal for Germany is rejected by Western Powers.

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Local Cannery Will Open On July 1

Plans have been made to open the community cannery on July 1st this season.

Last year 641 persons canned a total of 51,905 cans and jars of foodstuffs in the Appomattox school community cannery, according to Henry B. Pack, instructor of Vocational Agriculture. The school cannery is operated as a part of the adult education program in vocational agriculture and home economics at Appomattox High School under the supervision of Mr. Pack, assisted by Miss Easley Shuford and Miss Viola Carson, instructors in home economics.

The purposes of the program, as explained by Mr. Pack, are to aid farm families in determining the kind and amounts of food needed for an adequate and well balanced diet, to teach patrons the latest improved practices for producing food, to teach conservation of foods according to improved methods in order to get a quality product and to teach the uses of canned foods in a well-balanced diet.

Started during the war food rationing days in 1943 by the local school board in cooperation with the State Department of Education, the cannery proved so successful that it has continued since the war as one of the most popular phases of the school program, says Mr. J. J. Burke, division superintendent of schools. "While we are gratified with the quantity of food processed in the school cannery, we are more concerned with the large number of individuals to continue to receive instruction in food conservation," Mr. Burke said.

The quantity of food processed in the Appomattox school cannery by types: No. 2 cans: fruits 1,526; vegetables 11,583; meats 1,890; No. 3 cans: fruits 4,676; vegetables 27,314; meats 4,916. In addition patrons rendered 6,630 pounds of lard in the modern steam jacketed kettles, a part of the school cannery equipment.

Instructors in the local cannery last season were Mr. J. R. Shuford and Mrs. Alpha Higginbotham.

In the state, 40,822 persons canned 2,242,786 cans and jars of food in the 144 school community canneries, it has been announced by F. B. Cale, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. This amounted to the equivalent of 262,755 No. 2 cans, according to Mr. Cale.

Wheat Quotas Are Considered

Virginia growers may soon be called upon to vote on marketing quotas for wheat, chairman R. B. Bridgforth of the Virginia Production and Marketing Administration Committee, said this week. His statement followed a Department of Agriculture report that wheat supplies continue to climb. Estimates of a winter wheat crop of 1,020 million bushels and a forecast average spring crop of 290 million bushels assumes a total production of 1,310 million bushels for 1949 which would be second only to the record 1947 output of 1,367 million bushels.

With a domestic consumption of 665 million bushels, including wheat for food, feed and seed, and a probable export demand not exceeding 450 million bushels, a crop of the size estimated would leave a carryover of around 200 million bushels from the 1949 crop. This added to the oldcrop carryover of July 1, 1949, would put total reserve stocks on July 1, 1950, at about 500 million bushels, compared to the record high carryover of 631 million bushels in 1942.

If marketing quotas are proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Bridgforth explained, a requirement of current laws is that they must be approved by two-thirds vote of farmers voting in a referendum to become effective. Under marketing quotas producers may not market production from excess acreage, except under heavy penalty.

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Poor strawberry yield is noted in Norfolk area.

Only Three Graduates At A. H. S.

Appomattox High School will have one the smallest graduating classes in its history this year. At ceremonies being planned for Monday night, June 6, there will be only three graduates. The school has had 75 or more graduates in past years. The size of this year's class is due to a curriculum change-over from an eleven to a twelve-year school. The three candidates for graduation are: Frank McCann, James Paulette and Mildred Wood.

A full program of the school finals is now being prepared.

Crow Shooting Contest Staged By Lions Club

A "Crow Shooting" contest is being sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club, it was announced this week by Dr. C. G. O'Brien, chairman of a special committee. The contest began May 23, and ends September 1. Heads of crows killed are to be turned in to Frank Hanenkrat. There is a $1.00 entry fee, which may be mailed in to the Lions Club, Appomattox, or given to Dr. O'Brien, George Abbitt, Jr., James Lucado or Frank Hanenkrat. First prize in the contest is $20.00 in cash; second $10.00 in merchandise; third prize $5.00 in merchandise.

U. D. C. Essay Contest Winners

The following winners have been announced for the Appomattox High School in a U. D. C. school essay contest:

Senior: "The History of the Southern Confederacy is a National Heritage" - Virginia Carter.

Junior: "R. E. Lee, the Educator" - June Holt.

Seventh Grade: "Major John Pelham" - Shirley Harris and Virginia Guill.

Strawberry Festival

The annual strawberry festival, sponsored by the women of the local Presbyterian Church, will be held this Saturday, May 28, on the lawn of the C. S. McDearmon residence. This sale of various strawberry refreshments will open at 4:30 and continue until dark or all sales completed. In event of rain, it will be held in the Presbyterian Church rooms.

Management Class Ends

A class for owners and managers of businesses, conducted here at the high school from 7:30 to 9:30 each Monday night, will conclude its ten-hour study project next Monday night. There have been 21 enrolled in the class, taught by Mrs. Josephine Blankenship, of the State Board of Education. The class on Monday night will meet at 6:45, at Appomattox Restaurant, for a dinner meeting, followed by presentation of certificates to the members. Mr. Charles McFee, secretary of the State Retail Credit Merchants' Association, Richmond, will address the class.

KILLED ON ROUTE 460

A 37-year old Lynchburg man, Eldridge H. Loving, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Saturday on Route 460, about three miles west of Concord. He was traveling alone, when his car apparently ran off the highway and was demolished.

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Mass Meeting Called Monday Town Voters

Mayor George B. Buchanan today announced that there would be a public mass meeting of Town of Appomattox citizens at the local Court House at eight o'clock Monday night, May 30.

The purpose of the mass meeting is to discuss and explain the proposed $80,000 bond issue election set for Tuesday, June 14. It was felt that citizens of the town would like an opportunity to hear the facts concerning the request for authority to issue bonds to purchase the present water system and to expand same. The bond issue involves no increase in town taxes.

It is hoped that a large number of town citizens will attend this mass meeting, as it is considered desirable that the public be appraised of the matter to be voted upon.

Abbitt Bill On Insurance Passes House

Washington, D. C. (Special to Times-Virginian).- Congressman W. M. Abbitt of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia succeeded in piloting his crop insurance bill through the House of Representatives last week. It was passed as reported out of the Agriculture Committee without amendments from the floor. Abbitt explained in detail to the members of the House the purposes of the bill. The bill was recommended by the Department of Agriculture and was backed by the Democratic leadership in Congress. In explaining the bill in the House, Abbitt stated that the purpose of the bill is to amend the present crop insurance law. The present law allows crop insurance to a limited extent only and on an experimental basis. For instance, crop insurance is available to only 35 counties for tobacco, 56 counties for cotton, 200 counties for wheat and 20 counties for other commodities. The bill has as its main purpose six things: 1st., to provide for an orderly and regular expansion of the program, i. e.: 50 per cent increase in counties per annum starting in 1950, of each commodity, 2nd.- Starting a new program of insurance known as the Multiple Crop Insurance, whereby a farmer will be able to secure insurance on all major crops in one policy, beginning not to exceed 50 counties with the same increase as set out above.

3rd.- Repeal the present provision of the law that provides that the Administration expenses cannot exceed 25 per cent of the premium. This is in line with good business practice, particularly since the expansion is being put into effect and will greatly handicap the expansion if it is retained.

4th. To repeal that section of the present law that provides that the payments of loss in any one commodity shall not exceed the amount of premiums collected plus reserve built up for that year. This provision would mean that a participant would have no guaranteed insurance policy and in the bad years would fall to render the service contemplated. Especiall, as this true as the law provides for insurance in the amount of approximately the investment of the producer in the crop, counting, of course, his labor.

5th.- The bill provides for research and study on the part of the crop insurance corporation as to the feasibility of the future insurance on livestock.

6th. The present law provides that the insurance hall be against unavoidable losses of the commodity, while in the field. The bill strikes out the phrase "while in the field," thereby permitting insurance on the commodity from the time it is planted until it is ready for the market.

The Corporation is now operating on a sound basis and built up a considerable reserve fund last year. It answers the need that cannot be secured from private enterprises. It is intended to indemnify farmers from loss to their crops through no fault of their own and from unavoidable cause. It is believed that the program has a bright future and will mean much to the farmers when it has been fully developed.